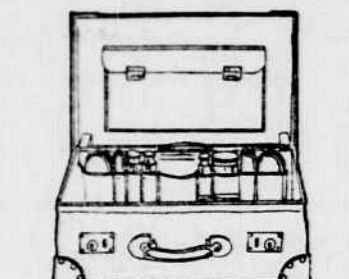


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CENSUS BUREAU WANTS MORE PAY FOR CLERKS

Unable to Keep Trained Employees With Present Scale of Wages, Secretary Redfield Says.

Will Submit to Congress Proposed Scale for Readjustment of Salaries and Urge Its Adoption.

False economy, unhealthy and crowded quarters, poorly paid census employees, as well as the workings of the bureau of standards and the bureau of the census, are discussed in part 4 of Secretary Redfield's annual report, made public today. Inability to keep trained employees in the census bureau because of the low scale of wages is pointed out by the Secretary, who said that it is costing the government a considerable sum of money to Congress a proposed scale for the readjustment of salaries.

The census bureau, says the report, "is seriously handicapped in carrying on its work, not only by reason of the inadequacy of its force at times, as during a quinquennial census, but also because of its exceedingly low average salary scale. The percentage of the bureau's force receiving more than \$1,200 per annum is provided for by the current appropriation act is only 14.8. This percentage is a little more than three-fifths as high as for the other bureaus and offices of the department of Commerce taken as a group, and is much lower than that for any other individual bureau or office of the department. It is also much lower than the corresponding percentage in nearly all bureaus and offices in other executive departments. This state of affairs results in the loss to the bureau of many of its most valuable employees, who are able to obtain higher salaries elsewhere, both inside and outside the government service.

Points to Bad Results.

"It is impossible to lay too great stress on the unfortunate results of this indefensible state of affairs. On the one hand, the bureau has lost a considerable number of its most valuable and efficient employees—men and women whose places cannot be adequately filled by the simple process of promotion or appointment—and has thus become, to that extent, a training school for other bureaus with more liberal salary scales. On the other hand, the employees who remain are, in many cases, drawing far less pay than is given for comparable service in other bureaus in this and other departments. From the standpoint of the employees this is unjust, and from the standpoint of the bureau it is a disadvantage in that it naturally tends to engender a spirit of discontent and indifference.

"It cannot be too plainly stated that the conditions imposed by law upon the census service are such as to prevent its operating with the effectiveness the director earnestly desires.

In the hope of remedying this state of affairs, it is the intention of the bureau to present for consideration by Congress a plan for the readjustment of salaries in the present salary classes of \$1,800, \$1,600, etc., so as to increase the number of high salaried employees and reduce the number in the twelve-hundred-dollar class, which is now proportionally too large. This plan can be put in force without any increase in the appropriation.

More Work, Smaller Force.

It should be noted here that the bureau's statutory force for the fiscal year 1916 is but 569, whereas ten years ago (1906) it was 631, or 122 more than the present number.

It is the fact that the bureau of the census is doing more work today with a smaller force than it did ten years ago, and this force is working under conditions which do not permit its highest efficiency. For these conditions neither the Department of Commerce nor the Department of Census is responsible. They are the result of law. That law should be changed, the census bureau has been able to improve methods and mechanism to neutralize in part the above-named disadvantages. Its difficulties are nevertheless grave and their seriousness increases."

Wants Commission Moved.

The crowding of the federal trade commission into the quarters of the Department of Commerce is seriously hampering the work of the census bureau, according to the Secretary. The Secretary's report says:

"By squeezing an additional force into a space already restricted it has been physically possible to confine temporarily the force of the federal trade commission within the limits of the Commerce building. This required crowding employees in certain rooms, although an inspection of the public health service has previously reported on inspection of the building that some rooms were overcrowded. The result has been to hamper the work of the bureau of the census at a time when the census of manufactures was actively proceeding, to forbid to several bureaus the normal expansion of space their growing work requires, and to provide the federal trade commission with quarters insufficient for its work and so scattered as to be ineffective in operation.

"The director of the census, pointing out that the federal trade commission occupies an important space in the Commerce building, adds that the lack of suitable office accommodations has been a serious obstacle to the successful conduct of his bureau. He has been obliged to assign employees to rooms used for storage purposes, which made it impracticable to bring them under proper administrative control and to utilize them to the best advantage. The present arrangement is unsatisfactory, forcing them to perform services to work expensively and without proper effectiveness. April 7, 1915, the chief of the bureau of domestic commerce formally reported that 'the bureau has not sufficient floor space on which properly to conduct its work,' and that several of the divisions of that service had to be shifted to relieve congestion.

Asks Congress for Funds.

"Congress should provide funds promptly for the rental of quarters for the federal trade commission. If this is not done it will seriously overwork the building, will bring about insupportable conditions in the housing of the employees both in the department and in the federal trade commission, and will continue to restrict and make more costly the operations of both. Money supposed to be saved in such a way is wasted."

"The lease at \$17,500 per annum for the addition to the Commerce building, which was constructed that it might accommodate the bureau of the census under the same roof with the other bureaus of the department occupying rented quarters, was made on July 1, 1914, and terminates on August 31, 1915, the date on which the lease for the original Commerce building expires. The total saving resulting from moving the bureau of the census into the Commerce building has been during the fiscal year just ended \$24,550, a sum slightly larger than was expected.

"As the lease for the Commerce building which the department now occupies will expire within three years, it will be necessary to proceed promptly in the matter of providing for the housing of the employees of the department if it is to be ready for occupancy by that time. The construction of such a building is urged not only in the interest of efficiency and good administration but also in the interest of economy. The present time the department is paying \$55,500 for the rental of the enlarged building, which, although not unreasonable when compared with other rental rates in the District of Columbia, represents an income of 2 per cent on \$2,183,333."

MOTHER AND 5 CHILDREN RESCUED DURING A FIRE

Firemen Are Assisted by Policeman Walters and Two Civilians.

Mrs. Minnie Gordon and her five children were rescued from their home, 1146 21st street northwest, this morning about 1:45 o'clock, when fire was damaging the stock of groceries in her husband's store on the lower floor.

Mitchell S. Gordon, owner of the store, was not at home when the fire started. Members of No. 2 truck company, Policeman Walters of the third precinct and two persons who were passing when the fire was discovered assisted in the rescue work. The fire was of unknown origin, the police reported, and about \$150 damage resulted.

Wall paper igniting from an overheated stove yesterday morning started the fire in the house of Mrs. Florence Nixon, 310 M street southwest. The fire gained considerable headway because of the presence of a large quantity of wall paper in the house and contents aggregated \$250.

Firemen yesterday extinguished a fire in the house of James Allen, 1109 Congress street northeast. The fire was caused by a defective fuse, and \$75 damage was done.

ONE MAIL DELIVERY ON CHRISTMAS DAY

After Morning Run Only Hotels Will Be Served in the Afternoon.

There will be but one delivery of mail Christmas day, according to an announcement made by the city post office. This will be at 7:30 o'clock in the morning from the main office and stations.

Collections of mail from the main office and from branches have been scheduled for Christmas day, as follows:

Main office in business district, 10:15 a.m., 4:30 and 11 p.m.; main office in residence district, 9:30 a.m., 4:30 and 10:30 p.m.; station A, 7:30 a.m., 4 and 10:30 p.m.; station B, 8:30 a.m., 4 and 10 p.m.; station H, 7:30 a.m., 9 p.m.; Brookland station, 6:30 a.m., 8 p.m.; Chevy Chase branch, 6:30 a.m., 8 p.m.; Takoma Park station, 8 a.m., 8 p.m.

The following-named stations will be open to the public for the transaction of business:

Station A, 8 to 11 a.m.; station C, 8 to 11 a.m.; station E, 7:30 to 11 a.m.; station G, 8 to 11 a.m.; station H, 7 to 11 a.m.; Brookland station, 8 to 11 a.m.; Chevy Chase branch, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Takoma Park station, 8 to 11 a.m., 3 to 7 p.m.

It is announced that an extra delivery of mail is to be made to hotels at 2 o'clock in the afternoon Christmas day, and to the offices of newspaper correspondents at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

The postal cashier's and money order sections of the division of finance of the main office will be closed to the public Saturday.

The registration section will be open throughout the day. Money order and stamps in small quantities may be purchased at the registry section after the money order and stamp windows are closed.

Additional windows for the collection of parcel post and registered matter from what are known as "contract" stations of the city post office, located principally in drug stores, during the present week, will leave the main post office at 10 a.m., 1, 4, 6:30 and 9 p.m. daily, up to and including Friday, with one collection from the numbered stations at 4 p.m. Christmas day, calling at the stations in the order hereafter named.

The collection routes are:

Route No. 1—Station 22, 21st and G streets; station 3, 1921 Pennsylvania avenue; station 57, 14th and M streets; station 45, 1142 Connecticut avenue; station 20, 14th street and Massachusetts avenue; station 49, 11th and I streets; station 30, 423 9th street; station 43, Goldenberg's.

Route No. 2—Station 7, 831 North Capitol street; station 47, North Capitol street and New York avenue; station 16, North Capitol and H streets; station 60, 1st and Thomas streets; station 32, 5th street and Florida avenue; station 50, 1501 9th street; station 13, 7th and Q streets; station 46, 7th and I streets.

Route No. 3—Station 37, 3d and P streets; station 5, 2210 Georgia avenue; station 52, 3501 Georgia avenue; station 1, 14th and Monroe streets; station 63, 17th street and Park road; station 69, 16th and Irving streets; station 4, 14th and Girard streets; station 68, 14th and M streets.

Route No. 4—Station 56, 12th and U streets; station 36, 18th street and Columbia road; station 42, Connecticut and Florida avenues; station 10, 5 DuPont circle; station 21, 15th and Q streets; station 44, 14th street and Rhode Island avenue; station 17, 11th and M streets.

Route No. 5—Station 45, 7th street and Maryland avenue northeast; station 74, 6th and B streets northeast; station 70, 4th and East Capitol streets; station 19, 3d street and Pennsylvania avenue southeast; station 21, House of avenue southeast; station 18, 1st street and North Carolina avenue southeast; station 8, 8th and I streets southeast; station 23, 11th and C streets southeast; station 25, 7th street and North Carolina avenue southeast; station 54, 9th and East Capitol streets; station 33, 13th and East Capitol streets; station 6, 11th and B streets northeast; station 55, 15th and H streets northeast; station 12, 9th and H streets northeast.

Auto route No. 6—Station 26, 3d street and Pennsylvania avenue northwest; station 61, 452 D street; station 6, 267 Pennsylvania avenue; station 58, 8th street and Market space; station 78, 9th street and Pennsylvania avenue; station 73, 13th street and Pennsylvania avenue; station 24, 601 15th street; station 17, 1216 F street; station 61, 11th and P streets (Woodward & Lothrop), also stations C and G.

Sweden Plans Protest Against British Policy

Objects to Stoppage of Parcel Post Service With United States.

BERLIN, by wireless to Sayville, December 20.—Sweden has decided to make an energetic protest to Great Britain against the stoppage by British authorities in Kirkwall of the parcel post service between Sweden and the United States. The Swedish government also has ordered all parcel post from England in transit across Sweden to be held up indefinitely. This means the complete stoppage of the Anglo-Russian parcel post service until the Swedish protest is heeded.

The Swedish government, according to information received here, will notify the United States of this new measure. The protest is based on the British action of taking sealed sacks of parcel post mail from the steamer Hellig Olav on her last voyage from New York and in removing the entire parcel post from the outgoing steamer Stockholm, formerly the Holland-American liner Potsdam, and now owned by the Swedish-American Steamship Company, which left Gothenburg a few days ago.

George R. Tudor, cashier of the Safe Deposit and Trust Company, Baltimore, celebrated yesterday his eighty-second birthday anniversary at his home in that city.

EMPHASIZES THE NEED OF EMPLOYMENT BOARD

Suggestions Made in the Annual Report of Vocational School Principal.

Need for an employment board to take up the question of labor conditions and opportunities for employment is urged by J. Morla Saunders, principal of the O Street Vocational School of this city, in his annual report to the superintendent, which recently been made public. He suggests that such a board "might consist of as many members as would not make it unwieldy and should be composed of school people and tradesmen in this community."

Extract From Report.

He says, in part:

"The average student when he graduates from school seems unable to find himself, as it were. Among the several reasons for this is the fact that during his entire school career he has been used to depend upon the school for aid, for advice, for suggestion, for real advancement. Whatever success has come to him during his school career has been largely due to his utter dependence upon the school—and rightly so."

"And so, through ten and twelve years of dependence, the school has become a part of him. When he graduates he looks back with the keenness and longing for the support which he has been getting, but which his graduation cuts off. He finds himself in a new atmosphere, and he is either suspicious of his abilities or anxious to let him shift for himself, in order to see just what sort of 'stuff' he is made of. In either case the student is face to face with unemployment. With economic stress upon him he has not been trained and equipped or later fails. Or, on the other hand, he accepts work which is easy to obtain and which, perhaps in the end, proves a hindrance to his career."

"Permit me to suggest, then, that an

employment bureau be established to make a study of the problem of employment and to submit to the school officials from time to time just what facts they find. This committee should keep in touch with working conditions and working classes, with a view to bringing about a closer harmony and, more importantly, to see to it that positions are obtained for graduates from year to year. This committee should devise a sort of follow-up system, wherefrom accurate record could be obtained of the occupation, salary advancement and efficiency of graduates in the various trades."

Recommendations Submitted.

Mr. Saunders urges a longer day for the vocational schools, the starting time being made 8 a.m. and the closing hour 4:30 or 5 p.m. He also advocates provisions whereby the students could work Saturdays.

During the last year, it is stated in the report, students at the vocational

school have not only done the regular work required for them in their program, but have also done many "jobs" in the school plant, thereby enhancing its value.

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Norman Mason and Annie Plumber, both of Upper Zion, Va.

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